

leadership, and imagination distinguish themselves in service to the American people.

But let us be sure to honor all the men and women of our Federal work force, who serve today with the same skill, professionalism, and quiet devotion to our Nation they have always exhibited.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 53, has designated the week beginning March 1, 1987, as "Federal Employees Recognition Week" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning March 1, 1987, as Federal Employees Recognition Week. I invite the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities to recognize the devotion, contributions, and faithful service of our Nation's Federal employees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5617 of March 6, 1987

Amending the Generalized System of Preferences

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

1. Pursuant to section 502(c)(7) and section 504 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2462(c)(7) and 2464), and section 604 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2483), I have determined that it is appropriate to provide for the termination of preferential treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) for articles which are currently eligible for such treatment and which are imported from Nicaragua and Romania. Such termination is the result of my determination that such countries have not taken and are not taking steps to afford internationally recognized worker rights, as defined in section 502(a)(4) of the Trade Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2462(a)(4)). I have also determined that it is appropriate to provide for the suspension of preferential treatment under the GSP for articles which are currently eligible for such treatment and which are imported from Paraguay. Such suspension is the result of my determination that Paraguay has not taken and is not taking steps to afford such worker rights.

2. Section 502(c)(7) of the Trade Act provides that a country which has not taken or is not taking steps to afford such internationally recognized worker rights is ineligible for designation as a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the GSP. Section 504 authorizes the President to withdraw, suspend, or limit the application of duty-free treatment under the GSP with respect to any article or with respect to any country upon consid-

eration of the factors set forth in sections 501 and 502(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2461 and 2462(c)).

3. Section 502 of the Trade Act, as amended, authorizes the President to designate the countries that will be beneficiary developing countries for purposes of the GSP. Such countries are entitled to duty-free entry of eligible articles imported directly therefrom into the customs territory of the United States. Among the countries previously designated as GSP beneficiaries is the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, which was included in the list of non-independent countries and territories eligible for benefits of the GSP.

4. In light of the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands, and having due regard for the eligibility criteria set forth in section 502 of the Trade Act, I hereby designate the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands as beneficiary developing countries for purposes of the GSP. Previously, these countries were included in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

5. Section 604 of the Trade Act authorizes the President to embody in the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) (19 U.S.C. 1202) the substance of the relevant provisions of that Act, of other acts affecting import treatment, and of actions taken thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, acting under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the United States of America, including but not limited to sections 502, 504, and 604 of the Trade Act, do proclaim that:

(1) General headnote 3(e)(v)(A) to the TSUS, listing those countries whose products are eligible for benefits of the GSP, is modified—

(a) by striking out "Nicaragua", "Paraguay", and "Romania" from the enumeration of independent countries, and

(b) by inserting in alphabetical order in the enumeration of independent countries "Federated States of Micronesia" and "Republic of Marshall Islands".

(2) No article the product of Nicaragua, Paraguay, or Romania and imported into the United States after March 4, 1987, shall be eligible for preferential treatment under the GSP.

(3) (a) The modifications to the TSUS made by paragraph (1)(a) of this proclamation shall be effective with respect to articles both: (1) imported on or after January 1, 1976, and (2) entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 4, 1987.

(b) The designation of the Federated States of Micronesia as a beneficiary developing country under the GSP shall be effective with respect to articles both: (1) imported on or after January 1, 1976, and (2) entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after November 3, 1986.

(c) The designation of the Republic of Marshall Islands as a beneficiary developing country under the GSP shall be effective with respect to articles both: (1) imported on or after January 1, 1976, and (2) entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after October 21, 1986.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5618 of March 16, 1987

To Amend the Quantitative Limitations on Imports of Certain Cheeses

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

1. Quantitative limitations previously have been imposed on the importation of certain cheeses pursuant to the provisions of section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended (7 U.S.C. 624). Section 701 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (the "Act") provides that the President shall by proclamation limit the quantity of quota cheeses specified therein which may enter the United States in any calendar year after 1979 to not more than 111,000 metric tons.

2. By Proclamation No. 4708 of December 11, 1979, and Proclamation No. 4811 of December 30, 1980, quantitative limitations on imports of such cheeses were established as required by the Act. By Proclamation No. 5425 of January 6, 1986, the quantitative limitations were modified to permit imports of certain cheeses from Uruguay. Such quantitative limitations appear in part 3 of the Appendix of the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS).

3. I have determined that it is appropriate to modify the quantitative limitations in the TSUS to reflect the Government of Portugal's accession to the European Economic Community. The quota allocations previously made to Portugal shall be transferred to the European Economic Community.

4. I have also determined that it is appropriate to modify the quantitative limitations in the TSUS in order to implement certain undertakings to the European Economic Community. The quantitative limitations set forth in the Appendix to the TSUS shall be modified also to add to the existing quota allocation for the European Economic Community an additional 1,572 metric tons. This modification does not reduce any existing quota allocations.

5. These actions do not increase the annual aggregate quantity of quota cheese to an amount in excess of 111,000 metric tons.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the United States of America, including section 701 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 and section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended, do hereby proclaim that, effective January 1, 1987, part 3 of the Appendix to the Tariff Schedules of the United States is modified as follows: